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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT
AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Examiner's requirement for restriction dated April 11, 2006, the claims of invention I (1-44) are hereby elected for prosecution. The claims of Inventions II and III (45-64 and 65-80) are canceled without prejudice. Claim 84 of Invention IV has been canceled without prejudice. Applicant traverses the requirement for restriction concerning claims 81-83 of Invention IV, in view of the instant preliminary amendment. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the restriction requirement as to claims 81-83 of Invention IV for reasons set forth below.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS begin on page 10 of this paper.